



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Arrive Early For Holiday Flights

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – November 21, 2011**

In anticipation of the nation's most heavily traveled holiday, Santa Barbara Airport (SBA) reminds travelers to plan ahead and arrive early. The busiest travel days are expected to be Wednesday, November 23 and Sunday, November 27.

Visitors will notice construction around the Airport environment and should use extra caution when driving in this area. Travelers are encouraged to park in Long Term Parking Lot 2 off of Hollister Avenue and Frederick Lopez Road and use the **free** Airport Parking Shuttle for easy access to and from the airline terminal.

The Airline Terminal Project is in its last phase of construction. The former airline terminal has been deconstructed leaving the original 7,000 square foot 1942 building. The building will be relocated to the site of the new airline terminal. The refurbished historic terminal will house the Airport Security Operations Center and parking lot operations. The new Short Term Parking Lot and airline terminal road will also be completed in this phase, all of which should be finalized by June 2012.

#### **SBA offers the following holiday travel tips:**

1. **Plan Ahead** – arrive two (2) hours prior to your flight departure time to find parking, check-in with your airline, and go through security screening. [Live Flight Schedule](#)
2. **Pack Smart** – know what items are accepted or prohibited through security and on the aircraft. As a reminder, gifts should not be wrapped as they are subject to search, even if placed in checked baggage. The TSA liquid restrictions remain in place; bottled water and liquids over 3 oz. are prohibited through security screening at the boarding gates. There are restrictions on transporting toner and ink cartridges on passenger airplanes.
3. **Parking** – SBA offers long and short term parking options at the Terminal. During our construction period we suggest you take advantage of our Long Term Parking Lot 2 on Frederick Lopez Road, off Hollister Avenue near Fairview Avenue. A FREE Airport Parking Shuttle will take you directly to the Airline Terminal and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Short & Long Term Parking is also available next to the Terminal. All parking lots are automated -

accepting payment via cash or credit card. [Parking Rates and Locations](#)

4. **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** – [Helpful Hints for Holiday Travelers](#)

**Airport Administration Office Closures:**

November 23 – closed due to employee furlough

November 24-25 – closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

December 19-January 2 – closed due to furlough and holidays

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